

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for improving meat quality comprising:
 - a weaning station for weaning a calf from its mother after a predetermined period;
 - a cooking station for cooking feed above a predetermined temperature to provide cooked feed;
 - a feeding station for feeding said cooked feed to said calf; and
 - a slaughter station for slaughtering said calf when it reaches a slaughter weight;

said calf being weaned from its mother and transferred from said calf's mother after said predetermined period to said feeding station, whereupon said calf is fed said cooked feed until said calf achieves a predetermined weight whereupon said calf is transferred to said slaughter station for slaughtering;

said calf not doing any grazing on grass while at said feeding station.

2. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said predetermined temperature is at least 160 degrees Fahrenheit.

3. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said feed comprises corn or starch grains.

4. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said slaughter weight is at least 1000 pounds.

5. (Original) The system as recited in claim 4 wherein said slaughter weight is between 1000 –1300 pounds.

6. (Original) The system as recited in claim 5 wherein said system further comprises:

a cutting station for cutting meat from each of said calves substantially the same size for packaging in case-ready packages.

7. (Original) The system as recited in claim 6 wherein said system further comprises:

a packaging station for said cut meat in substantially identical case-ready packages.

8. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said predetermined period is 3 days or less.

9. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in ~~claim 8~~ claim 1 wherein said calf is transferred from said weaning station to said ~~transfer~~ feeding station when said calf reaches ~~a weight~~ said predetermined weight of at least 300 pounds.

10. (New) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said calf is transferred from said weaning station to said feeding station after at least three days or said predetermined weight is at least 300 pounds.